(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure that these fast trains run on time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRYOF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL):(a)No,Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Railways make all possible efforts to run Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains punctually. Intensive round the clock monitoring at different levels *i.e.* Division, Zonal Head Quarters and Railway Board are undertaken regularly. In addition, punctuality drives both at Inspectorial and Officers' level are also being launched.

Passenger train on the converted Wankaner-Malia rail line

269. SHRI LALITBHAIMEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred on the conversion of Wankaner-Malia rail line;

(b) the total revenue earned, till January, 2002, from the day the goods traffic was started on the above converted broad gauge line;

(c) whether the Ministry has received representations to start passenger trains on the above mentioned line; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Total expenditure on the Conversion of Wankaner-Malia rail line upto 31.3.2001 was Rs. 92.31 crore. An amount of Rs. 5:5 crore has been allocated for the year 2001-2002.

(b) Total revenue earned till Jan., 2002 is Rs. 105.13 crores after conversion to Broad Gauge.

(c) and (d) Introduction of a train between Rajkot and New Bhuj *via* Wankaner-Maliya Miyana-Gandhidham and DMU trains on Wankaner-Morbi-Dahisara section is under consideration.